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The Honorable David Dreier
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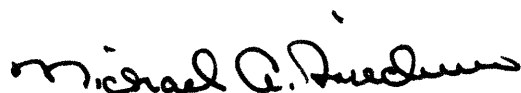
Dear Chairman Dreier:

Thank you for your continued support of the City of Hope and its mission. As you know, City of Hope is working to create a new model for cancer centers - one in which research ideas are more quickly translated into potential new therapies. Our efforts are driven by compassion, and this combination of patient-centered care, state-of-the-art treatment and groundbreaking research has made City of Hope a leader in the areas of cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening diseases. Your commitment for our federal legislative priority is more critical than ever.

The City of Hope has a strong partnership with the Department of the Navy in advancing research in radiation biology. This research advances molecular medicine in ways that help us create personalized, more effective and less toxic cancer therapies. For the military, it has significant applications for developing better treatments for radiation exposure. The initiative, known as the Advanced Molecular Medicine Initiative (AMMI) is a breakthrough in personalized cancer treatment that is also directly applicable to the protection of military and civilian personnel in the event of an exposure event. I ask that you give every consideration to supporting the City of Hope's request, AMMI, for FY10 defense appropriations.

The City of Hope is presenting this project for the FY10 appropriations process and we are grateful for your support. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (626) 301-8460 if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



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